



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, 34.3 million United States residents claim Irish ancestry, including 144,512 Idaho residents; and*

*WHEREAS, many of the pioneers and settlers of the western United States were of Irish descent; and*

*WHEREAS, many of these Irish pioneers and settlers helped build and establish the great State of Idaho; and*

*WHEREAS, each year on March 17<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the culture and heritage of Irish-Americans through music, dance, art and literature; and*

*WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the Irish-American community of Idaho during its season of celebration;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2008 to be*

**IRISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

*in Idaho, and I urge all of Idaho's citizens to recognize and celebrate this occasion.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho in Boise on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two-thousand and eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-second and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred eighteenth.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "C.L. Butch Otter", is written over a large, faint "COPY" watermark.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Ysursa", is written over a large, faint "COPY" watermark.

BEN YSURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE